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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated 09/08/2004 and interview with the Examiner, kindly amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Claim 1. (Amended) A portable post support comprising a body of a certain height, said body having a bottom adapted to be supported on a generally horizontal support surface and a chamber opening upwardly from said body for receiving and retaining flowable ballast material into said body chamber, said body having a body top portion extending across the opening of said chamber of said body and having a vertical central support conduit adapted for supporting a post there through toward said body bottom, a body top cover, means for securing said body top cover to said body top portion, post securing means on said body bottom within said body chamber for securing a